

Which were read the first time, and

On motion of Mr. Mayer,

It was ordered that two hundred copies be printed.

The Committee on the part of the Senate, appointed to join the committee of the House of Delegates, for the purpose of examining into the condition of the Maryland Hospital

REPORT:

That in pursuance of the design for which they were organized, the committee did repair to the Maryland Hospital to examine into its condition and ascertain its wants—and that they were met by the President and Visitors. The accompanying interrogatories, and with the answers thereto, embody the information as to the cost and the sources from whence the funds were derived, by which the buildings and improvements were erected—its capacity for present accommodation, state of repair, the number of inmates and the prospect that the charges will be sufficient for its support, the sum necessary to place the institution in suitable repair, the purposes to which it is recommended to be exclusively applied and such other varied information as will enable the legislature to judge of its true condition and wants.

In connection with information conveyed by the foregoing inquiries, it is thought proper to advert to the origin and past legislation in relation to this Hospital. The act of 1797, chapt. 102, recites that, whereas it is represented that there was a charitable disposition with divers persons of this State to found a Hospital in or near the city of Baltimore, and directs that \$8000 should be paid to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore as more particularly pointed out by the 2d section of the act. To this contribution were added subscriptions from individuals and the corporation of the city of Baltimore; and from these sources it is believed that the ground was acquired, and the west wing erected. The title being vested in the Mayor and City Council, they continued to manage it until 1808. It was leased on certain conditions to Dr. McKenzie and Smythe, for the term of 15 years, and by the same authorities the lease was extended in the year 1814 for 10 years, or until January 1834, provided a wing on the east was erected.

Prior to the termination of the lease the attention of the legislature was drawn to the subject, and some dissatisfac-